GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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FREE AIDS DRUGS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a)Whether some sections of AIDS affected persons do not have access to life saving medicines in the country;

(b) If so, the gap between the demand and supply of such drugs alongwith the reasons therefor;

(c) Whether the Government provides free AIDS drugs in the country;

(d) If so, the details thereof and the number of persons benefited so far as a result thereof ;

(e) Whether some private companies have also came forward to supply cheap HIV drugs to the patients; and

(f) If so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a)to(d) Government has set up 101 centres for providing drugs to HIV/AIDS patients in the country. Presently, drugs for over 85,000 adult patients and 10,000 children have been made available against which 52,000 persons are getting the treatment free of cost.

(e)&(f) Yes, sir. A public-private partnership was initiated between NACO and NGO partners namely ARCON, YRG Care and Freedom Foundation in 2004 under Round 2 Global Fund Project to supply antiretroviral drugs to patients under a graduated cost recovery scheme. Under this scheme the NGO partners have developed a partnership with certain pharmaceutical companies to get drugs at a lower cost. Totally 2003 persons are getting treatment under the cost recovery scheme.